

## A NEGRO JUDGE

President McKinley Should Give One of the Philippine Judgeships to a Colored Lawyer—A Few Good Names Suggested.

Wilkesboro, N. C., Special—Editor Colored American: Before entering upon the discussion as seen in the headlines above, permit me to congratulate you upon the make-up and general appearance of The Colored American. To my mind the race has no stronger exponent in America than the Washington Colored American. All of us here in the Tar Heel State rejoice with you over the fact that it has been placed on all the news stands throughout the country. This is a step in the right direction. All honor to The Colored American.

Some days ago it was my pleasure to pick up the Daily Charlotte Observer, the leading daily of North Carolina, and read in it an extract from the Washington Post, which was an interview from Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, stating that Ex-Congressman R. Z. Linney of this state stood a very good chance for a Federal judgeship in the Philippine Islands. Now I desire to state just here that I haven't any idea that Mr. Linney would accept a judgeship in those far off Islands as he is getting well up in age and more accustomed to the mountain section of North Carolina than he would be to any of the foreign portions of our great country. Hence in view of these facts I am of the opinion that the Chief Executive of this Nation would do himself great credit and the American Negro as well, by appointing some of our able Negro lawyers to the Federal judgeship in the Philippine Islands. I am of the opinion that such an appointment should be given to some leading Negro lawyer here in America for the reason that these Islands are made up of black people or Negroes, whichever we may choose to call them. I believe a better feeling could be brought about much sooner between those Islands and the United States by appointing our leading and most competent Negroes here in the United States to the leading positions in those Islands than it would be to appoint white men. The people in those far off Islands, from all reports, do not like the white man at all, from the fact that they believe that wherever a white man sits himself down it means domination and slavery. The Negro soldiers in the Philippines say that they are treated much better by the natives than the white soldiers are treated. So one can see at a mere glance that the Negro as a high official over there would be far more acceptable than the white man. I hope I will not be regarded as being too racial in this article or gone mad on the color line, for I have endeavored to look far beyond that, and simply write from the standpoint of what I think to be honest just and fair.

We have a large number of the very best Negro lawyers from which to select an able representative for the Federal judgeship in the Philippine Islands. See the list of able lawyers I give: Congressman George H. White of North Carolina, Edward Everett Brown of Boston, Mass., E. M. Hewlett of Washington, D. C., Harry S. Cummings of Baltimore, Md., J. Madison Vance of Louisiana, W. A. Pledger of Atlanta, Ga., J. C. Napier of Tennessee, D. A. S. Baker of Michigan, Judge J. B. Raymond of Pennsylvania, John S. Leary of North Carolina and others. If either of the men mentioned were appointed I have no doubt in the world but that he would make a most excellent judge

for the Island. Surely the Negro can get most any position over there from the fact that his chances and opportunities are being so rapidly taken away from him here in the United States. I like to see the Negro press of the country urge the appointment of some able Negro lawyer to that position.

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All honor to Mr. Manning for the splendid team he has gotten together. It is a winner. There need be no fear that we, the people, will have to eat all "the crow" in this new era of baseball. If the team should not prove to be what it unquestionably seems to be—Mr. Manning is the man who will make it so.

It is not too much to say that he is the Hanlon of the American League and in saying this, part of the flowers go to Hanlon. The colored rooters who make up so large a percentage of the regular attendance can all be depended upon to do their duty. They will all be, there and woe be to the luckless right fielder if he aint the "ruler" thing whether of the home team or the visitors.

## Colonel Pratt's Visit.

Normal, Ala., Special.—Among the many distinguished persons who have visited Normal, one of the most interesting was Col. Pratt, in charge of the great Indian Industrial School of Carlisle, Pa. He spent a day with us this week inspecting thoroughly the literary and industrial schools and was well pleased with what has been accomplished at Normal on such small means. His speech in the afternoon to the teachers and students, was full of deep thoughts, instruction, sound advice and encouragement. This speech will live in the hearts and in the lives of all who heard it, while life lasts.

Col Pratt was provost marshal of North Alabama in the early part of the war of the rebellion. He was in Huntsville thirty seven years ago in charge of a detachment of the Union Army and had assigned to him some unpleasant but nonetheless important duties, in the discharge of which he was brought in contact with Honorable Nicholas Davis who is so well known to the people of Alabama and who became a prominent republican leader after the war. He was first invited by

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## Negro Authors.

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